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**BLAST RESISTANT AND BLAST DIRECTING CONTAINERS****AND METHODS OF MAKING****ABSTRACT**

Blast resistant and blast directing containers, as well as doors and closures  
5 therefor, for receiving explosive articles and preventing or minimizing damage in  
the event of an explosion. The container comprises at least three nested bands of  
material wherein the bands are oriented relative to one another to substantially  
enclose a volume and to form a container wall having a thickness substantially  
equivalent to the sum of the thicknesses of at least two of the bands. The  
10 containers have utility as cargo holders, particularly in aircraft where weight is an  
important consideration, and as transport devices for hazardous materials such as  
gunpowder and explosives, e.g., bombs and grenades.